



# Northern Virginia Regional Management Group

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## **Regional Projects will:**

- *Use economy of scale*
- *Maximize resources*
- *Provide high quality services*
- *Attract highly qualified staff*
- *Reduce demands on local staff*
- *Cross geographical boundaries*

After eight years of successful collaboration, the Regional Partnership is moving to a new model to address regional issues. This change is due to a shifting focus from regional initiatives to local ones as well as dwindling meeting attendance over the past year. Efforts have been made to solicit your ideas about new directions but our survey elicited just a small number of responses. Therefore, we are suggesting that we try a new model for our partnership activities.

Because our successes have included:

- development of multiple successful regional projects
- increased communication, including the regional newsletter with articles authored by many of our partners, and
- collaborative program proposals, including the recent Child Services Crisis Stabilization proposal

we recommend that we continue with these strengths in the following manner:

- continue joint project development and communication at the local CSB level
- continue our regional collaboration by initiating special partnership meetings when regional issues emerge

We encourage all of our partnership members to connect with your local CSB if you have not done so. We can provide contact information to you if needed. We intend to call special meetings of our partnership when significant regional issues arise, and we encourage our members to notify the Regional Office with any requests for a regional dialogue. If you need CSB contact information or if you want to call a meeting, this information can be conveyed to Julie Parkhurst at [Julie.parkhurst@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Julie.parkhurst@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703 449-6303.

Although we may have fewer meetings than we have had in the past, we hope to continue to learn from each other at future regional partnership meetings. Because of this new model, **we are cancelling our meeting on October 28, 2011**, unless someone requests this meeting because of a need for a regional dialogue.

Please let us know if you have questions or comments about this change in direction. Thank you.

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